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Kingman's coalescent



 \clubsuit calculate the probability that we wait the time interval u until a coalescent

calculate the probability of the particular coalescent event



Kingman's coalescent



















Population growth (2 paramete), fluctuations, bottlenecks

Migration among populations (2 to many, potentially thousands, parameters)



Population splitting (2 to many parameters)



Recombination (2 parameters)

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Past

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Growth

Present

For constant population size we found

$$p(G|\Theta) = \prod_{j} e^{-u_{j} \frac{k(k-1)}{\Theta}} \frac{2}{\Theta}$$

Relaxing the constant size to exponential growth and using $g=r/\mu$ leads to

$$p(G|\Theta_0, g) = \prod_{j} e^{-(t_j - t_{j-1})\frac{k(k-1)}{\Theta_0 e^{-gt}}} \frac{2}{\Theta_0 e^{-gt}}$$

Past

Growth

Extensions of the basic coalescent

Problems with the exponential model: Even with moderately shrinking populations, it is possible that the sample lineages do not coalesce. With growing populations this problem does not occur. This discrepancy leads to an upwards biased estimate of the growth rate for a single locus. Multiple locus estimates improve the results.

Past





Grow-A-Frog



Expansion of *Pelophylax lessonae* in Europe





Growth rate g

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Past

Random fluctuations of the population size are most often ignored. BEAST (and to some extent MIGRATE) can handle such scenarios. BEAST is using a full parametric approach (skyride, skyline) whereas MIGRATE uses a non-parametric approach for its skyline plots that has the tendency to smooth the fluctuations too much, compared to beast.





Comparison of the skyline plots of simulated influenza dynamics analyzed bv MIGRATE and BEAST. The x-axis is the time in years and the y-axis is effective population size. The data are sequences from 250 individuals sampled at regular intervals over 5 years. The dashed curve is the actual ⁵ population size deduced from the true genealogy; black lines are the mean results of MIGRATE or BEAST; gray area is the 95% credibility interval. BEAST skyline matches the actual population size better than all other methods. Simulation and graphs courtesy of Trevor Bedford.



Skyline plots



Migration



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The single population coalescence rate is

$$\frac{k(k-1)}{4N}.$$

Changes for two populations to

$$\frac{k_1(k_1-1)}{\Theta_1} + \frac{k_2(k_2-1)}{\Theta_2} + k_1M_{2,1} + k_2M_{1,2}$$



Migration





A total of 70 individuals from 7 populations analyzed for 377 microsatellite loci: Mutation model is Brownian motion approximation to the single-step mutation model

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H₂: Tangled mess



Somewhat less H₄: Tangled mess



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H₁: Out of Africa, indecision anywhere else

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H₅: Minimal model



Migration





H₇: Direct train to Asia



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Model selection





Population splitting

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if we consider only a single individual that is today in population A. We also know that its ancestor was a member of population B then it will be only a matter of time to change the population label, but when?

Today		Past

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Looking backwards in time we could think about the risk of A turning into B which becomes larger and larger the further back in time the lineage goes. In the coalescence framework we are well accustomed to that thinking: we use the risk of a coalescent or the risk of a migration event. This risk can be expressed using the hazard function (or failure rate). Here we use the hazard function of the Normal distribution.

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One lineage is easy, but what about the genealogy? Each lineage is at risk of being in the ancestral population, thus we need to consider coalescences, migration events, and population label changing events. This results in genealogies that are realizations of migration and population splitting events.

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Pygmy rattle snakes

Estimation of splitting dates of 6 subspecies of pygmy rattle snakes using MIGRATE (data from Kubatko et al. 2011) 0.08

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Robustness of the coalescence

Violating assumptions

The evil reviewer says: "You shall not use method/program X because your data does not fit the assumptions for..."

Required samples

Recombination

Population size fluctuation

The time to the most recent common ancestor is robust to different sample sizes.

Simulated sequence data from a single population have shown that after 8 individuals you should better add another locus than more individuals.

Required number of samples is small

Itiple populations

Medium variability DNA dataset: Mutation-scaled population size Θ and mutation-scaled migration rate M versus sample size for 2, 5, and 10 loci. The true $\Theta_T = 0.01$ is marked with the dotted gray line; M = 100

Ignoring recombination

Sin Sinnellance dialabers

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Ignoring recombination

 \sim 500 simulated datasets

Ignoring recombination

0.0

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Chopping a real dataset

D. melanogaster Chri

0

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Chopping a real dataset

D. melanogaster Chr2

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Chopping a real dataset

D. melanogaster Chr2L

position: $5 \times 10^{6} + 10,000 bp$

The standard coalescent assumes neutral mutations and also exchangeable number of offspring, loci under selection will violate both tenets. In the allele frequency spectrum literature recently there is a strong push on looking at signals of selection, which seems still very difficult in 'traditional' coalescence approaches.

- A new mutation that has a positive effect will replace some of the variability present in the population. All linked sites will suffer a drop in effective population size.

A new mutation that has a negative effect and will be most likely removed, also resulting in a reduction of variability (and population size)

This is used in genome-wide selection scans, but influence of population growth, population structure on such estimates are not well studied.

Outlook

- We will have a lab tonight where you will differentiate between 7 simple population models that include speciation with and without migration.
- (On the http://popgen.sc.fsu.edu website, check out "Bayes factors" and "Parallel migrate", there is also a Google support group to look up answers, ask questions and receive answers [mostly by me])

