#### **Complex Trait Genetics in Animal Models**

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# Mapping Genes for Quantitative Traits in Outbred Mice

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Share ~99% of genes with humans

~90% of the two genomes can be portioned into regions of conserved synteny

Shorter lifespans

You can do invasive experiments

You can breed them as you like – control the genetics

## What is an inbred strain?





BALB/c



http://www.informatics.jax.org/mgihome/genealogy/

# one inbred strain



#### two inbred strains



# Mouse model of anxiety



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#### Anxious mouse



#### F2 cross

Generation













## Linear models

Also known as

ANOVA ANCOVA regression multiple regression linear regression













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H<sub>0</sub>: 
$$y \sim 1 + x1$$
  
H<sub>1</sub>:  $y \sim 1 + x1 + x2$   
 $y = \mu + a_1 x_1 + \varepsilon$   
 $y = \mu + a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \varepsilon$ 

 $H_1$  vs  $H_0$ : Does x2 explain a significant amount of the variation after accounting for x1?

or

is x2 significant conditional on x1?

#### F2 cross

Generation













# Chromosome scan for F2



# Advanced intercross lines (AILs)



Darvasi & Soller (1995) Genetics

# F12 cross


# Chromosome scan for F12



# Practical

- 1. Fitting a linear model to test a marker-phenotype association
- 2. Single marker association on an F2
- 3. Permutation test
- 4. Single marker association on an AIL (F12)
- 5. Conditional modelling of loci

Start Firefox, File->Open and go to F:\valdar\ThursdayAfternoonAnimals\practical.R Start R

#### Practical: F2 cross



Bonferroni = 2.6permutation ~ 2.1uncorrected = 1.3

#### Practical: F2 cross



20

0

0.0

0.5

1.0

1.5

2.0

max.logPs

2.5

3.0

3.5

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generalized extreme value (GEV) distribution



phenotype ~ MARKER



phenotype ~ MARKER

phenotype ~ m37 + MARKER



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phenotype ~ MARKER



4 ·

logP

phenotype ~ MARKER

phenotype ~ m37 + MARKER



phenotype ~ m37 + MARKER





phenotype ~ MARKER

phenotype ~ m37 + MARKER

phenotype ~ m37 + m29 + MARKER



F2



F18





chromosome 1

chromosome 2

F18



chromosome 1

chromosome 2



chromosome 2

chromosome 1

population structure

gross genetic differences between groups

where groups = families



#### population structure

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multilocus approach

# Heterogeneous Stocks







Avg. Distance Between Recombinations:

HS ~2 cM



# 124 Phenotypes

Anxiety [24] Asthma [13] **Biochemistry** [15] Bone Morphology [23] Diabetes [16] Haematology [15] Immunology [9] Weight/size related [8] Wound Healing [1]

Intraperitoneal Glucose Tolerance Test



Glucose AUC

#### How to select peaks: a simulated example



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# Simulated example



Chromosome



phenotype ~ ?

### condition on 1 peak



phenotype ~ peak 1 + ?

### condition on 2 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + ?

### condition on 3 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + ?

#### condition on 4 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + peak 4 + ?

### condition on 5 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + peak 4 + peak 5 + ?

### condition on 6 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + peak 4 + peak 5 + peak 6 + ?

#### condition on 7 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + peak 4 + peak 5 + peak 6 + peak 7 + ?

#### condition on 8 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + peak 4 + peak 5 + peak 6 + peak 7 + peak 8 + ?

#### condition on 9 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + peak 4 + peak 5 + peak 6 + peak 7 + peak 8 + peak 9 + ?

#### condition on 10 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + peak 4 + peak 5 + peak 6 + peak 7 + peak 8 + peak 9 + peak 10 + ?

### condition on 11 peaks



phenotype ~ peak 1 + peak 2 + peak 3 + peak 4 + peak 5 + peak 6 + peak 7 + peak 8 + peak 9 + peak 10 + peak 11 + ?
#### Peaks chosen by forward selection



# Bootstrap sampling



## Bootstrap sampling





#### Forward selection on a bootstrap sample



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#### Bootstrap evidence mounts up...



#### In 1000 bootstraps...



Model Inclusion Probability

Chromosome





Chromosome



Chromosome



854 loci in all phenotypes, 84 diabetes loci



#### 854 loci in all phenotypes, 84 diabetes loci

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# Genome-wide genetic association of complex traits in heterogeneous stock mice

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# The Collaborative Cross

Heterogeneous Stocks (HS)



**Collaborative Cross** 

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