Association whap

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Practical--Whap

- Whap implements both Case/control and Family-based designs
- We will be looking at an example TDT from whap, as we have been dealing with families all week long
- Whap is found at <u>http://pngu.mgh.harvard.edu/~purcell/whap/</u>
- Copy all files from ben/association/practical

Reminder of TDT



Only transmissions from heterozygotic parents at the allele of interest provide information

Under the null, we expect equal chance of either allele transmitting from a heterozygote parent to the offspring Though Whap only does biallelic markers (SNPs)

Testing in Whap

- Whap demands you specify the alternative hypothesis
- The null hypothesis can be supplied, but the default is that no marker has any effect on the trait
- When you specify an alternative hypothesis you are testing that marker/haplotype is associated with disease

Significance in Whap

- Whap uses permutation analysis to assess significance
- Permutation analysis assumes that all data come from the null distribution
- Thus, under TDT, the null distribution is that it is equally likely allele 1 or allele 2 is transmitted.
- We 'mix up' the transmitted and nontransmitted allele within family

Visualization of permutation



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Whap input

- 3 files
 - Ped file
 - Map file
 - Dat file

Ped files



Map Files

Chr	Marker name	сM	bp
5	IGR1118a_1	100.00	274044
5	IGR1119a_1	100.00	274541
5	IGR1143a_1	100.00	286593
5	IGR1144a_1	100.00	287261
5	IGR1169a_2	100.00	299755

Tells Whap where the markers are on the genome Must have .map extension

Dat file



Tells Whap what is in each column Must have .dat extension

Running Whap!

- Whap is a command line program which means we have to use the command prompt in Windows.
- To run command prompt click start, then run...
- In the run box type cmd, then hit return
- Change to your network drive by typing 'H:' (not necessary if you are in H:)
- Change directory with cd 'directory name'
- Dir brings up a list of files and directories.

Command prompt



Running command prompt

You should have this up now

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Changing to H:

Dir shows you what is in your directory

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My directory is...

Now what?

- Hopefully you have successfully navigated into the directory (you can check with dir!)
- We can now start to run Whap:
- Command is:
- whap --file chr5q31 --alt 1 --window --cond
 --prev 0.01 --model w --wperm 500

What are all these bits?

- Whap: program name
- --file chr5q3: whap requires your map, dat, and ped files to have the same name. File supplies this
- --alt 1: this is the alternative hypothesis
- --window means that whap will look at a sliding window of SNPs
 - Whap begins with the alt, then slides across all remaining markers if window is active

What are all these 'and pieces'?

- --cond: conditional analysis—necessary for family data
- --prev 0.01: prevalence of the trait
- --model w: within model of association
- --wperm 500: number of within permutations

A picture of the command to be run

Output

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Final notes

- P-sum and P-max are corrected for multiple testing, as long as you include all markers tested
- We can use Whap to do haplotype tests as well as single markers
- Much more on association at the advanced workshop